

# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



## JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING

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**Cochairs:**  
**Representative Josh Dobson**  
**Senator Joyce Krawiec**

**INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT  
TO THE  
FULL COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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February 12, 2018

Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services:

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Aging, respectfully submits the following interim report in accordance with S.L. 2017-57, Section 11D.3.

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Representative Josh Dobson  
Cochair

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Senator Joyce Krawiec  
Cochair

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## SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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<b>Senate Members</b>	<b>House Members</b>
<b>Senator Joyce Krawiec, Cochair</b>	<b>Representative Josh Dobson, Cochair</b>
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DeAnne Mangum, Senate Clerk	Julie Ryan, House Clerk
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# SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION

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The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Aging, was created pursuant to S.L. 2017-57, Section 11D.3. The authorizing legislation allows the cochairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services to appoint a subcommittee on aging to examine the State's delivery of services for older adults in order to (i) determine their service needs and to (ii) make recommendations to the Oversight Committee on how to address those needs. If appointed, the subcommittee is required to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2018, and a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on or before November 1, 2018, at which time it will terminate. The authorizing legislation is provided below.

## **S.L. 2017-57, SECTION 11D.3: RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT A SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING**

**SECTION 11D.3.(a)** Pursuant to the authority in G.S. 120-208.2(d), the cochairs for the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services may consider appointing a subcommittee on aging to examine the State's delivery of services for older adults in order to (i) determine their service needs and to (ii) make recommendations to the Oversight Committee on how to address those needs. North Carolina currently ranks ninth in the nation for the size of the age 60 and older population and tenth in the nation for the age 85 and older population. From 2015 to 2035, the age 65 and older population is projected to increase sixty-seven percent (67%) and the age 85 and older population is projected to increase one hundred two percent (102%). By 2019, North Carolina will have more people that are 60 years of age and older than children age zero to 17. It is recommended that the subcommittee examine the range of programs and services for older adults throughout the continuum of care. The subcommittee is encouraged to seek input from a variety of stakeholders and interest groups, including the Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services; the North Carolina Coalition on Aging; the North Carolina Senior Tarheel Legislature, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

**SECTION 11D.3.(b)** If a subcommittee on aging is appointed, the subcommittee shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2018, and shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on or before November 1, 2018, at which time it shall terminate unless reappointed by the cochairs of the Oversight Committee under the authority granted in G.S. 120-208.2(d).

The Cochairs for the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services appointed members to the Subcommittee on Aging during a Committee meeting on October 10, 2017.

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# SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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The Subcommittee met three times between November 17, 2017, and February 12, 2018. This section of the report provides an overview of the topics and presenters for each subcommittee meeting. Detailed minutes and copies of handouts from each meeting are on file in the Legislative Library. Handouts from the meetings are also available at the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee [website](#).

## Overview of Topics and Presenters

### November 17, 2017

- Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Representative Josh Dobson, Presiding Cochair
- Subcommittee Charge  
Lisa Wilks, Subcommittee Staff
- Division of Aging and Adult Services Budget Overview  
Deborah Landry, Subcommittee Staff
- Division of Aging and Adult Services and Aging Population Overview  
Michael A. Becketts, Assistant Secretary for Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Joyce Massey-Smith, Adult Services Section Chief, Aging and Adult Services, DHHS
- Subcommittee Discussion

### December 13, 2017

- Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Senator Joyce Krawiec, Presiding Cochair
- Presentations by Associations and Entities
  - Public Consulting Group (PCG)  
Kevin Hutchinson, Public Consulting Group  
Rob Finlayson, Pulselight

- NC Coalition on Aging  
Mary Bethel, President
- AARP of NC  
Doug Dickerson, State Director
- North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature  
J. Dwight Cartner, Speaker
- Alzheimer's Association  
Scott Herrick, State Director of Public Policy, Eastern & Western  
Carolina Chapters
- NC PACE Association  
Linda Shaw, Executive Director, NC PACE Association  
Renee Rizzuti, Executive Director, PACE of the Southern Piedmont
- Presentations by Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Senior Centers
  - High Country Area Agency on Aging  
Julie Wiggins, Director
  - Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging  
Bob Cleveland, Aging Program Planner- Davidson/ Guilford/Surry
  - Moore County Senior Enrichment Center  
Terri Prots, Director, Moore County Department of Aging
  - Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center in High Point  
Calvin Vaughn, Director

### **February 12, 2018 Meeting**

- Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Representative Josh Dobson, Presiding Cochair
- Association for Home and Hospice Care of NC  
Tracy Colvard, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy
- North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association  
Adam Sholar, President and CEO
- NC Association of Long Term Care Facilities  
Jeff Horton, Executive Director
- Adult Day Care/Day Health  
Teresa Johnson Troup, NCADSA  
Mark Bumgarner, M.S., Executive Director Adult Life Programs  
Michael A. Boles, Jr., Director of Adult Day Services, Resources for Seniors,  
Inc.

- Adult Protective Services  
Karen Harrington, Director, Catawba County Department of Social Services
- Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty)  
Dawn Gartman, Project C.A.R.E Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services.
- Report Presentation  
Theresa Matula, Subcommittee Staff

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## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

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### **FINDINGS: CONTINUATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING**

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Aging, was appointed pursuant to S.L. 2017-57, Section 11D.3. The purpose of the Subcommittee was to examine the State's delivery of services for older adults in order to (i) determine their service needs and to (ii) make recommendations to the Oversight Committee on how to address those needs. Additionally, the enacted legislation encouraged the Subcommittee to seek input from a variety of stakeholders and interest groups, including the Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services; the North Carolina Coalition on Aging; the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature; and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

The Subcommittee met three times and heard from 23 presenters on a range of programs and services for older adults in North Carolina. During its first meeting, the Subcommittee heard a presentation on the amount of money the State spends to support services for older adults, and it heard from the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on the current and projected population of older adults in North Carolina. During the second meeting the Subcommittee heard from the following: Public Consulting Group (PCG); NC Coalition on Aging; AARP of NC; North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature; Alzheimer's Association; NC PACE Association; two Area Agencies on Aging; and two Senior Centers. During the third meeting, the Subcommittee heard from the Association for Home and Hospice Care of NC; North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association; NC Association of Long Term Care Facilities; Adult Day Care/Day Health; a county Department of Social Services on Adult Protective Services; and heard a presentation on Project C.A.R.E.

The authorizing legislation provided that if the subcommittee is appointed, it is required to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2018, and to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on or before November 1, 2018, at which time it shall terminate unless reappointed by the cochairs of the Oversight Committee under the authority granted in G.S. 120-208.2(d). Due to winter weather issues, sessions of the NC General Assembly, and scheduling conflicts, the subcommittee was not able to schedule more than three meetings prior to the March reporting requirement. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Aging, finds that continued study of the State's delivery of services for older adults is necessary and requests that the Cochairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services allow the Subcommittee on Aging to continue its work during

the interim period following the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 North Carolina General Assembly.

**RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUATION OF THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING**

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Subcommittee on Aging, recommends that Cochairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services allow the Subcommittee on Aging to continue its study of the State's delivery of services for older adults during the interim period following the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 North Carolina General Assembly.

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